

2006 KANSAS POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARDS

*Recognizing
organizations and
individuals who
make significant contributions to the
prevention of pollution.*



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Pollution Prevention Awards

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) presents Pollution Prevention Awards annually to those individuals, communities or community groups, businesses, and industries who have made a significant impact in protecting our environment by preventing pollution. Pollution prevention (P2) encompasses many different activities that reduce or prevent the generation of pollutants or wastes at the source. Opportunities for preventing pollution occur in all sectors of economic life - industry, agriculture, energy, and/or the design and use of consumer products. These awards are not competitive but are judged based on independent merit. This annual awards program recognizes excellence for efforts in working toward a cleaner environment.

Presentation of Awards

Awards will be presented during a recognition luncheon at the 2006 Kansas Environmental Conference to be held August 22-24, 2006 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Maner Conference Center in Topeka.

Eligibility

Any Kansas business, industry, community or community group, school, organization, or individual is eligible to apply for pollution prevention awards. In order to determine the success of the project, the project must have been implemented at least six months prior to the application. The project must exceed required pollution controls; therefore, submitted projects should be voluntary efforts to manage industrial and environmental concerns. The P2 Awards Program raises awareness of P2 opportunities and recognizes people and organizations involved in such activities. Individuals are encouraged to join the growing list of Kansans committed to improving our environment by signing and returning the Pollution Prevention Pledge. Pledge forms should only be submitted once.

Award Categories

Choose the category that best describes the project. If you have more than one project you'd like to submit for an award, submit separate applications.

Pollution Prevention

Awards are presented for projects that use source reduction processes or techniques to achieve significant reduction of releases to air, water, and land. This would include changing the process, changing the material, or changing the technology to reduce the generation of wastes.

Energy Efficiency

Awards are presented for projects or programs that result in significant reduction of energy consumption or showcase the benefits of a renewable resource or technology.

Technology Innovation

Awards are presented for projects or programs that result in the development and/or application of new and innovative technologies for improving environmental quality and protecting public health and safety. Technologies must be either new or use an innovative application of an existing technology process.

Environmental Management System

Awards are presented for projects or programs that demonstrated successful compliance assurance, source reduction, energy and natural resources conservation resulting from the implementation of an environmental management system.

Recycling

Awards are presented for projects or programs that facilitate the reuse or recycling of industrial and municipal waste materials, with emphasis given to on-site reuse or recycling.

Education and Outreach

Awards are presented to projects or programs that demonstrate significant results in the area of environmental protection. Emphasis is given to those projects or programs that are being replicated by others. Programs may be external, such as the outreach or media campaigns, or may be internal programs such as employee education programs to facilitate pollution prevention within the facility.

Application Format

- Submit applications on 8.5 x 11 paper using both sides.
- Avoid using colored paper and do not use staples, plastic spiral bindings, or velobind covers.
- Three ring binders with loose leaf format are preferred.
- Photographs, drawings, and news clippings or brochures are allowed and encouraged as attachments.

Part One: Project Information (10 points)

Provide the following information in this order:

1. Name of the program, project, or activity.
2. Award category.
3. Responsible individual(s) with organization, address, e-mail, telephone, facsimile numbers.
4. Address, e-mail, telephone, and facsimile numbers of those individuals preparing the application, if different than (3).
5. Date of project or program (beginning to ending/ongoing). In order to determine the success of the project, the project must have been implemented at least six months prior to the application.
6. A summary not to exceed one page.

Part Two: Pollution Prevention Policy Statement (10 points)

1. Submit a pollution prevention policy statement **signed by top management**,
OR
2. Include the Pollution Prevention Pledge from this application **signed by top management**. Pledges may also be signed by other company officials, team leaders, and staff. Certificate(s) will be issued for pledges on request. If pledges have been signed in a previous year, indicate the year of the pledge(s). The commitment to pollution prevention will be considered during the review process.

Part Three: Comprehensive Project Overview (50 points)

Include a comprehensive overview of the project. The overview should not exceed four pages excluding supporting materials.

Include the following information in the overview:

1. Discuss the problems and challenges identified with original methods and the reason for the preferred alternative.
2. Describe the goals for the project.
3. Describe the project implemented to achieve these goals. Include the following information if applicable:
 - Input substitutions, process modifications, product reformulations/substitutions
 - Procedural changes
 - Energy efficiency modifications
 - Use of new and innovative technologies
 - Reduction or elimination of non-renewable/non-recyclable resources or hazardous materials
 - Increased use of recycled materials (including Environmentally Preferable Purchasing)
4. Explain how the project efforts go above and beyond environmental compliance.
5. Describe the ability of the program or activity to serve as a model for other efforts. Can this project or program be utilized or adapted by other similar entities?

Part Four: Project Results (30 points)

1. Describe the environmental results of the project.
2. Describe any measurable results available such as tons of emissions reduced, pounds of hazardous waste reduced, dollars saved on solid or hazardous waste disposal, etc. **NOTE: This is a very important part of the application. It is important to be able to report measurable results to EPA in order to continue funding pollution prevention activities.**

Part Five: Supporting Materials (optional)

Include supporting materials to provide additional information to the review panel. There is no limit to the amount or number of materials included in this section. Examples include photographs, news clippings or releases, publications, or other materials to provide the review committee with a comprehensive view of the program or project. Return of applications and supporting materials cannot be guaranteed.

Compliance with Regulations

Compliance with environmental regulations will be taken into consideration during the review process. Applicants can be determined "ineligible" due to current or recent violations of environmental regulations. Feel free to contact Cathy Colglazier at 800-357-6087 to check your facility's compliance status prior to completing the application.

Application Submission

Applications for the 2006 Pollution Prevention Awards must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16, 2006. Late applications will not be considered for an award. Hard copies are preferred. Mail your application to:

**2006 Pollution Prevention Awards
Bureau of Environmental Field Services
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 430
Topeka, KS 66612**

If necessary, applications can be faxed to 785-291-3266 or e-mailed to ccolglaz@kdhe.state.ks.us.

Selection Process

After submission, a review board comprised of KDHE staff provides an initial review to screen each application for completeness of application, appropriateness of category, and other issues determined to affect the award process (such as compliance status). After initial screening, acceptable applications are reviewed by a team made up of individuals from universities, business and industry, communities, and government. This team will review the applications based on selection criteria and will make recommendations to KDHE, who will determine the final awards.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long should my application be?

The abstract should be less than one page, the project description should not exceed four pages, but there is no limit on supporting documentation.

What if I get my application in late? Will it be accepted?

In order for the awards to be presented at the annual environmental conference, we have a short turn-around time for award selections. Therefore, no late applications will be accepted.

What types of projects are selected?

Projects that clearly demonstrate pollution prevention with supporting documentation and a well constructed application are preferred by the award selection committee. Projects must have been implemented at least six months prior to applying in order to have time to include measurable results in the application.

Are the awards announced?

Award plaques will be presented at the annual Kansas Environmental Conference scheduled for August 22-24, 2006 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Maner Conference Center in Topeka. Press releases will also be provided to news agencies. The release provides a brief description of the project, and the company, facility, person or agency who will be receiving the award.

Are companies with home offices in other states eligible for Kansas Pollution Prevention Awards?

Yes, as long as the pollution prevention project occurred in Kansas.

Our company has implemented two projects we feel are worthy of an award. Can we submit both projects?

Yes, a company can submit more than one project; however, they must be submitted on separate applications.

Who can I call if I have questions when completing my application?

Feel free to contact Cathy Colglazier at 800-357-6087 or the K-State Small Business Environmental Assistance Program at 800-578-8898.

Mark Your Calendar!

*The 2006 Kansas Environmental Conference
will be held August 22 - 24, 2006
at the Capitol Plaza Hotel/Maner Conference Center in Topeka.*

Pollution Prevention Pledge

I understand that pollution prevention is any practice, plan, or habit that reduces the generation of pollutants and wastes. Pollution prevention focuses on ways to avoid producing air emissions, waste discharges, or land disposals. Pollution prevention also includes the conservation of energy and water.

I pledge to:

- review my habits and practices for ways to prevent pollution,
- purchase environmentally friendly products,
- reduce, reuse, and recycle,
- substitute non-toxic and recycled materials wherever possible,
- conserve water and energy, and
- take an active interest in local issues related to pollution.

Print or type name

Organization

Street Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail Address

Signature

Date



Check here if you would like to receive a certificate as a reminder of this commitment.

